

MUNICIPAL WHARF MONEY SOON HERE

COUNCIL NOTIFIED OFFICIALLY.
FUNDS EXPECTED IN TEN
DAYS.

No Action on Car Extension—Bill for
City Auditing Caused Con-
siderable Comment.

About the only thing of general interest taking place at the meeting of the city council yesterday was the announcement of the mayor that he had received word from the bonding house buying the wharf bonds that the bonds were ready, and that the money necessary to effect the sale was needed. A warrant was ordered for the money and it will be forwarded at once. This means that the money for the wharf bonds should be available in the next ten days.

Notwithstanding expectations to the contrary, the matter of taking action on the petition of the street railway company for its extension upon either railroad avenue or Bayview avenue did not come up at the meeting. No reference of any kind was made in regard to these extensions.

President R. D. Hudson of the Farmers' Institute appeared before the council in the interest of the institute. It seems, from what Mr. Hudson told the council, that some of the members of the institute have been butchering hogs which they raised and selling them from their wagons to residents of the city. One of the members who was engaged in this way was told by the police that his action was against the law, and that he had no right to sell meat in the city except at the market house. Mr. Hudson requested information upon this point, with the request that it be a fact to have the city requirements altered in some manner. City Attorney Pope, whose advice was asked, stated that it was against the law; that the sale of meat in the

city was prohibited in any place except those prescribed in the ordinance regulating the matter.

At the request of Mr. Hudson, the mayor appointed Commissioners Griffin and Uehlinger to investigate the law and to make such recommendations for the relief of the farmers as they saw fit, at the next meeting of the council.

President Hudson then brought up the matter of the thoroughfares leading from the city into the main roads of the county. He called the attention of the council to the fact that in each instance there were several hundred yards of very bad roads between the streets of the city and points on the city limits, where the city streets connect with the county roads.

Commissioner Friday said that it would not be necessary to ask the appointment of a committee by the council, as it was his intention to put his men to work on the stretches of street in question as soon as he could get to it.

Mr. Wheeler, a member of the Farmers' Institute, who was one of the committee to appear before the council, made a short appeal to have the mayor and commissioners co-operate in the construction of a system of good roads throughout the county. He stated that both the Farmers' Institute and the Nueces County Truck Growers' Association were going to take the matter up with the county authorities with a view to getting their assistance. He was assured by the mayor that the city would be glad to do everything possible in the movement.

Julius Dorenfeld appeared before the council with a plea that some action be taken to protect the citizens of Corpus Christi as well as the local business men in connection with a sale which he stated would shortly be made here. In this connection he requested that the council take steps to see that the goods to be sold were as represented. Upon the suggestion of Commissioner Friday, a committee, composed of Commissioner Friday and Commissioner Uehlinger, was appointed to investigate the sale, and the city clerk was instructed not to issue a permit until the committee reported.

Commissioner Friday was granted the sum of \$229.75 to meet his payroll in the street department for the month of November.

The report of the commissioner of the water works department was received, showing receipts for the month of November to be \$2245.95, and a balance, after all expenses were deducted, of \$714.43.

The affidavit of Gusenbeld and Cohn, relative to a mistake in the assessment of their establishment and the Boston store, was received and filed. A committee was appointed to look into the matter. The committee alleged that in the assessment of its business the stock of the parent com-

pany and the Boston Store were included, and that the Boston Store was also assessed separately. J. Cohn made affidavit to this effect.

A bill for \$1126.35 from L. H. Mushaway was received for auditing the city books for a period of 18 months. The bill was approved, but laid over without payment until the following meeting.

In connection with the auditor's bill, the mayor said: "This bill looks large, and is large. It is out of all proportion to what Mr. Mushaway says he did. This is no fault of the committee, however. The council has been criticised for paying so much for auditing the books, and for allowing \$15 per day to the auditor and \$10 per day to an assistant. I have letters from several reliable auditing firms, and while they do not specify the length of time in which they should complete a job, they offered to do it at a rate of \$15 per day, and pay their own expenses. This work is worth all that is paid for it to the city, however, and the city will make the cost back in less than a year in the increased revenues which will accrue as a result."

Commissioner Uehlinger said he was well satisfied with the work, even at the price paid for it, and that the cost of the work would be made back in a few months by the increased revenues.

Commissioner Thompson was also satisfied with the work, even at the price paid, which he regarded as too much, as did Commissioner Uehlinger.

The bill for the printing which the auditor had done was presented, but was passed over.

Juan Hernandez was granted permission to move his market place on the hill from its present location to lot 12, block 25.

Mr. Lancashire's estimate on the amount of hill sewer work done since the last estimate was \$1133.98, 85 per cent of which was due to Trueheart and Jackson. A warrant for \$963.13 was ordered to be paid them. A warrant for 2 per cent of the amount, or \$112.66, was ordered paid to Mr. Lancashire for supervision.

The request of the C. C. Independent school district to have the alleyway in block 2 of the M. P. Gaffney addition closed was granted. This block has been recently purchased by the school board.

H. A. Peabody filed his report on his Houston-Galveston trip with the council. Mr. Smith, of Galveston, who was secured by Mr. Peabody as assistant plumbing inspector, was appointed to that office.

A petition from a number of business men asking that a brick wall be built around the pumping station on the Nueces river was read. The petition stated that by so doing the leakage of fire insurance would be reduced 10 cents, and that a saving of

\$4500 per annum on insurance would be effected for the business men. The matter was referred to a committee composed of Commissioners Thompson, Friday and Uehlinger, for investigation and report. The mayor called attention to a slight discrepancy in the estimated amount of saving, saying that he had already had the matter investigated by a fire insurance expert. He said that the saving would be only \$2500, as the saving on actual insurance would only be 5 cents per \$100.

A petition from the wholesale and retail merchants of the city was received, asking the council to take action to prevent the sale of tramp cars of produce and vegetables in the city on the grounds that such action on the part of non-residents was having the effect of demoralizing the local market, and proving a menace to the business of the wholesale and retail dealers of the city.

A petition, in direct opposition to the petition mentioned, was also read from a number of residents of the city, opposing any action by the council looking to the maintenance of the high cost of living in the city, and asking that the request of the wholesale and retail trade not be granted.

Both petitions were referred to Commissioners Griffin and Uehlinger for action.

A petition from a number of the residents of Tancagua street was read, asking the council to rescind its action changing the name of the street from Tancagua street to Pleasant street. The petition was referred to the council as a whole for action.

Commissioners Uehlinger and Thompson were appointed to confer with Vincent Blunzer with reference to the improvement of the telephone service between the city and the pump house.

The city secretary was instructed to issue licenses to all plumbers as soon as their bonds had been approved by the city attorney.

No other business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned.

LATE MARKET REPORT

Cotton.

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 15.—The market for cotton futures closed steady today, at a net advance of 8 to 11 points over yesterday's close. The spot market was firm, ranging to 1-15 points higher than yesterday.

Livestock.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—The cattle market was steady today, export steers selling \$6.50 to \$7.50. The hog market was steady, with heavies selling \$6.14 to \$6.30. The range of the sheep market was from steady to weak.

GARDEN CLUB IDEA OF GREAT BENEFIT

CIVIC, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
BENEFITS DERIVED.

Leroy J. Boughner, of Minneapolis,
Explains the Plan to the Civic
Association.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Civic, economic, and social benefits were derived by Minneapolis from the "garden club campaign" carried on there during the past season for the purpose of having all the city's vacant lots turned into flower and vegetable beds, according to Leroy J. Boughner, of Minneapolis, who told the American Civic Association in conversation here today of the "vacant lot garden" work done in his home city.

It was a matter of civic pride, not an economic motive, which early last spring started the garden idea, Mr. Boughner explained. A civic celebration was to be held early in July, he said, "so we decided to have gardens to beautify the city for its hundred thousand visitors." The fact that there were 5,000 acres of vacant lots in the city, "sufficient to supply the entire state with vegetables," was not enough appeal to get the citizens of Minneapolis interested; but the appeal to their civic pride carried them to plant 2,000,000 square feet to vegetables and 250,000 to flowers, said the speaker.

Mr. Boughner told Minneapolis up as a model for other cities, pointing out in detail how the vacant lots there had been transformed into bowers of beauty, and called attention to some of the mistakes which had been made. So successful was this year's garden club campaign, however, that it will be continued with renewed vigor, Mr. Boughner declared during the coming year.

"A garden is a bit of land where plants and people grow and love each other," said the speaker in describing the benefits of the work. First and foremost he placed the fact that "the use of vacant lots had satisfied 700 men and women whether he desired to go back to the land. How

We Have A Few Very Choice Residence Lots

left for sale in the Villa Park Heights, Washington, D. C., for exclusive society as well as for investment.

ADDRESS

B. A. Fillmer

1204 CHAPARRAL STREET. CORPUS CHRISTI. PHONE 524

better could a man find out that upon the small patch of land that lies next to his home?"

From an economic standpoint, Mr. Boughner declared that "so many vegetables were grown on the vacant lots of Minneapolis that tomatoes were plentiful at 75 cents a bushel whereas a year ago they were scarce and sold for \$1.50 a bushel."

A third benefit he found in this that "most of those who had gardens belonged to the office class whose opportunities for getting out in the fresh air were small." Travelling about he said he saw hundreds of "glowing faces" as a result of "hoing and weeding and murdering cut worms."

Again there was such a contrast this year, he declared, between the lots operated by the garden club and those which it had not touched that "the mayor has instructed the police during the season of 1912 to enforce the ordinance of covering the cutting of weeds and removal of rubbish from vacant lots," which ordinance had fallen somewhat into disuse.

The excellent impression which visitors gain of a city, Mr. Boughner pointed out as a great advantage. "The Model vacant lot garden at the fair grounds," he said, "was seen by 750,000 people."

In a social way the results were

great, he asserted. As a concrete example of this he cited a garden in a block where lived two Jews, a Norwegian, two Germans and a New England family. Before the garden experiment none of the families had ever had anything in common, but before the summer was over, said Mr. Boughner, "all the families were visiting freely. The gardens in many instances were social centers."

In telling of how the citizens were aroused to join the Garden club, Mr. Boughner who is its president and also chairman of the garden committee of this year's "civic celebration" declared that various methods were used but that he found that "intelligent newspaper publicity alone will cover a city with gardens."

Harry Ables Released.

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The New York American League club announced tonight that Pitcher Harry Ables was released today to Oakland, of the Pacific Coast league. Ables was formerly a player in the Texas league, but was to have reported in New York next season.

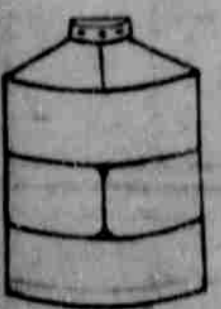
Read the Caller-Herald for the latest news of Southwest Texas.

Improved Farm and Ranch Lands in Nueces, San Patricio and Refugio Counties.

S. G. Borden,

Lyric Theatre Building.

E. L. CURTIS "THE TINNER"



For tanks or anything in the metal line. Write for prices. Phone 16. Opposite Lone Star Ice Company.

The Art of Giving

"Sensible Sentiment"---What will be most acceptable is really the keynote of the Holiday spirit. A more intimate acquaintanceship with our store will reveal a world of appropriate gifts.

**Mens Shoes from \$1.75 to \$7.00
All Leathers**

**Ladies Shoes \$1.75 to \$5.00
All Leathers**

HOSIERY—Children's Lisle, all shades, 15c to 50c
Ladies' Lisle, all colors, 15c to \$1.25
Ladies' Silk Hose, all colors, 75c to \$3.00
Men's Lisle Hose, all colors, 15c to 50c
Men's Silk Hose, all colors, 50c to \$1.50
Neckwear in Xmas. Boxes, from 50c to \$1.50

Men's Necktie, Hose and Handkerchief sets in Xmas. Boxes, from \$1.00 to \$2.00
Men's Scarf Pins and Cuff Buttons in Xmas. Boxes, from 50c to \$1.50
Linen and Silk in Xmas. Boxes, from 25c up to 50c

EVENING SLIPPERS—All styles and Leathers \$2.50 to \$5.00
Stain and Velvet, all shades, \$3.50 to \$5.00
Men's, Ladies and Children's Slippers, Felt and Leather, 85c to \$3.50
Kozy Traveling Slippers, Men's and Ladies, all shades, \$3.50

MODEL SHOE STORE

Phone 544

C. E. FRANK, Proprietor

623 Chaparral